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CLUB OF KLANG

## **KDSF GRADUATION CEREMONY**

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**Sun, 5 December 2021**

**2 pm – 5 pm**

Wyndham Acmar Klang Hotel  
1-G-1, Persiaran Bukit Raja 2/KU1  
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## **GUEST OF HONOUR**

Puan Sri Khir Johari

## **PROGRAMME**

- 1:15 PM - Welcoming of the graduating children into the hall
- 2:00 PM - National Anthem (Negaraku) / Doa En Sanusi
  - A moment of contemplation in the memories of our dearest To' Puan Janet LaBrooy (Patron of the centre)
- 2:10 PM - Speech by Chairman Ms. Amanda Jane Russell
  - Speech & Opening ceremony by Dato' Stewart LaBrooy
  - Presentation to Puan Sri Khir Johari
- 2:20 PM - Presentation of Graduating Cert. by Ms. Amanda Jane Russell
  - Photography session - child/teachers/KCK members
  - Photography session - child & parent
  - Photography session - child only
- 2:50 PM - Video Presentation - Centre Activities
- 3:55 PM - Snack Time
- 5:00 PM - Party Over.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear fellow Kiwanians and Friends,

I am proud to be handed the baton as KDSF chair from Dato Stewart. It will be an honour to support the legacy of To' Puan Datin Janet & all the Chairmen before me.



I joined Kiwanis in 2015 & the children of centre have always been in my heart, unfortunately the last couple of years has made it difficult for us to get together & have fun as in past years but I have made a promise to myself, the children & the centre that I will strive to make the best of my chairmanship.

I look forward to supporting, raising funds & dedicating my time to serving the children, their siblings, parents & teachers.

I have a lot of plans & goals to support the centre & I look forward to working with everyone to achieve them.

**Amanda Jane Russell**

Chairman

Kiwanis Down syndrome Foundation Klang Centre



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## MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR KDSF KLANG CENTRE



As I hand over the chair to Amanda for a two-year term, I reflect on the past two years with joy and sadness. It has been a period of great loss to me personally but also to our centre.

The loss was the fact that KDSF lost two of its most treasured volunteers – My dear wife To' Puan Datin Janet Labrooy, the Centre's founder and one of its Past Chairs Yonne Ong.

To' Puan was the inspiration to all the teachers and parents as she started the centre back in 1994 with just herself and 5 children in a small, rented bungalow. The centre has now flourished over the past 27 years under her leadership and her successor Puan Ardinsoon and currently has 60 children with a teaching staff of 5.

Her legacy is well cemented as the teaching programs she adapted from the Robert Dellar manuals became the most effective and innovative approach to the teaching of Down Syndrome. She was always passionate about her teachers and the children she taught, constantly finding, and sharing better ideas and methods with them.

Above she was a wonderful wife and mother to myself and my son Alistair and will be missed by one and all at Kiwanis Klang and the Parents and Teachers at the KDSF Klang Centre.

The joy was the fact that the purchase of the centre was concluded in August 2020. Our thanks go to our generous sponsors for their RM 1,200,000 donation. Janet's dream was to have her own centre and it is now a reality.

As I pass the leadership to Amanda I can wish all the very best for the coming two years and rest assure her that I will be by her side to support her.

### **Dato' Stewart Labrooy**

Immediate Past Chair

Kiwanis Down syndrome Foundation Klang Centre



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## THE CENTER OF HOPE

# Kiwanis Down Syndrome Foundation Klang Centre



The Kiwanis Down Syndrome Foundation (“KDSF”) Klang Centre opened its doors in a small rented home in June 1994 with one Teacher/Administrator (To’ Puan Datin Janet LaBrooy) and 4 children.

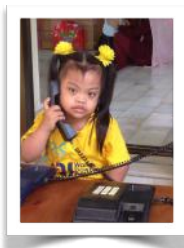
In 2007 the centre moved to larger premises located at No 28, Jalan Kampar, 41300 Klang, which can cater for up to 65 children. Currently we are serving 61 children who attend the school twice a week for one on one teaching with our specially trained teachers / Therapist.

The Children Priority One is the club’s principal programme and caters for children from birth till 6 years old.



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We employ 6 full time staff comprising of Teachers/a Physiotherapist/ an Occupational Therapist/ A Child Psychologist and an administrator who attend to the children. Each child attends class for a maximum of twice a week and the ratio of teachers to children is 1:3 per session.



We have 2 sessions per day from 9.00am-11.30am and 1.00-3.30pm. The Centre opens at 7.30-4.00pm, Monday to Friday. Admission is strictly on a first-come first-served basis.

All admissions have to fill out a medical form which must be completed by a registered medical doctor before the child is enrolled at the centre. We place a great deal of importance on bi-annual medical check-ups, annual eye and hearing tests for each child, so that any health problems can be quickly identified and dealt with. We work closely with the Klang General Hospital where many of our children are referred to for their medical check ups.



We accept children from birth to 6 years old. We encourage early admissions as the earlier the children gets to attend classes the better progress they will make. At the moment we have several babies under the age of 2 attending weekly and who are making great progress. We have 2 globally approved educational programmes which are used as our syllabus.

They are;

- The Infant Stimulation Programme (ISP) for the newly born-2 years old and
- The Early Intervention Programme (EIP) for children from the ages 3-6 years old.



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## PROGRAMS

### Infant Stimulation Programme

#### (ISP) – 2 months to 2 years old

For infants from as young as 2 months to 2 years old. This programme is used to strengthen an infant's physical weaknesses (such as low muscle tone) through physiotherapy and occupational therapy so that child can achieve early goals, to be able to crawl; to explore and manipulate objects; to have better reflexes; memory and sound imitation skills.



### Toddler & Special Education Programme

#### Toddler Programme (TOD) – 2 to 3 years old

For toddlers from 2 to 3 years old, TOD builds up on the child's skills achieved so far, to help him or her move on the learning path. However more emphasis is now given to other skills development such as early language, pre-academic, story telling, music and art appreciation, all within an environment of fun and play.



#### Special Education Programme (SEP) – 4 to 6 years old

For those who are 4 to 6 years of age, SEP continues to strengthen the skills acquired so far. Apart from refining skills in Gross and Fine Motor, Pre-Academic and Language, the child is now taught Self-Help and Social Skills. These latter skills prepare them for the admission into primary school.

### Learning Skills

#### 1. Gross Motor Skills

Children need daily exercises to build strength in coordination and balancing. Physical activities like sports & swimming are given to help children improve their motor planning.

#### 2. Fine Motor Skills

Fine motor skills in all children depends on a solid foundation of the gross motor skills. Children will be taught eye-hand





coordination eg lacing cards, threading beads.

3. *Pre Academic Skills*

Sorting objects of different colours & shapes

Matching colors, Matching pictures, Matching alphabets

4. *Language Skills*

*Receptive skills* – using lots of concrete objects and pictures to teach.

Understanding concept and communication

*Expressive skills* – More on communication. Naming pictures/objects, concept and social skills

5. *Self Help Skills*

Training on independent skills eg dressing & grooming, potty training, feeding

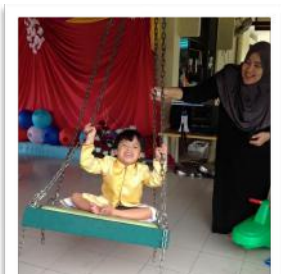
6. *Social Skills*

Singing, music & movement.

Activities like School concerts and Sports Day

7. *Art and Craft*

Drawing & painting



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## TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS



Nadiah



Hana Azni



Nur Dinah



Jannah



Nurliyana



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## PAST CHAIRMEN



Chris Foo



Dato Stewart Labrooy



James Thevarasu



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S. Kumar



Shirley Sobey



Yonne Ong

## FAREWELLS



### **To' Puan Datin Janet Labrooy**

To' Puan Datin Janet LaBrooy passed away on the 29th of March 2021. She dedicated her entire professional life to teaching children with learning disabilities and spent over 10 years tirelessly establishing and supporting the KDSF Klang Centre.

As the first Administrator and Head Teacher of the Klang Centre, she was instrumental in adapting the Robert Deller curriculum to suit the Malaysian students she was teaching, which continues to be used today. She also developed a system that addressed the individual needs of each Down Syndrome child.

Strict, yet caring, her priority was preparing the students for the challenges of life outside the Centre when they completed their course.



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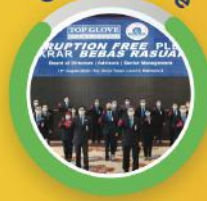
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